01156

1972/12/14

SITUATION: PARIS TALKS
SUBJECT CATAGORY: SUMMARY

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

MESSAGE:
IMMEDIATE
FJK736
O 141440Z DEC 72 ZFF-6
FM USDEL FRANCE

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6512

INFO AMEMBASSY SAIGON IMMEDIATE 1238

C O N F I D E N T I A L USDEL FRANCE 24046

LIMDIS
SUBJ: 170TH PLENARY SESSION: IMMEDIATE SUMMARY REPORT
1. LAM PRESENTED PRES. THIEU'S PROPOSALS OF DECEMBER 12 FOR A HOLIDAY TRUCE, POW RELEASE, AND TALKS INVOLVING THE THREE VIETNAMESE PARTIES. THE OTHER SIDE IMMEDIATELY REJECTED THE PLAN. BINH TERMED THE PROPOSALS A "REHASH" AND CAMOUFLAGE FOR SCUTTLING THE OCTOBER ACCORD. VY (SUBSTITUTING AGAIN FOR XUAN THUY) DENOUNCED THE PROPOSALS IN THE SAME TERMS.
2. BOTH COMMUNIST DELEGATIONS DEMANDED U.S. SIGNATURE OF THE ACCORD WITHOUT DELAY AND WITHOUT MODIFICATION OF THE TEXT. VY CHARGED THE U.S. WITH MULTIPLE VIOLATIONS OF THE ACCORD'S PRINCIPLES AND WITH CONTINUATION OF VIETNAMIZATION.
3. ON THE PROBLEM OF NVA PRESENCE IN THE SOUTH--WHICH LAM IDENTIFIED AS THE "CRUCIAL PROBLEM" PREVENTING CONCLUSION OF AN ACCORD--VY REASSERTED THE ALLEGED RIGHT OF SELF-DEFENSE AGAINST FOREIGN AGGRESSION ANYWHERE WITHIN VIET-NAM. CONCERNING PRES. THIEU'S OFFER TO RELEASE NVA POW'S, BOTH VY AND BINH DEMANDED RELEASEE OF ALL DETAINED VIETNAMESE, MILITARY AND CIVILIAN ALIKE. THEY ADDED THE DEMAND THAT, ONCE RELEASED, THESE VIETNAMESE HAVE THE RIGHT TO RETURN TO THE LOCALE OF THEIR CHOICE.
4. OUR PRESENTATION REBUTTED MISPRESENTATIONS OF THE SITUATION BY THE OTHER SIDE. MINISTER ISHAM CALLED FOR SERIOUS DELIBERATIONS FREE OF DISTORTION AND PROPAGANDA. HE REMINEDED THE OTHER SIDE THAT ISSUING ULTIMATA HAD

DECLASSIFIED
Authority E012958

SITUATION: PARIS TALKS
SUBJECT CATAGORY: SUMMARY

MESSAGE / ANNOTATION:

NEVER ADVANCED EITHER THEIR INTERESTS OR THE CAUSE OF
PEACE, WITHOUT EVALUATING PRESIDENT THIEU'S PROPOSALS
MR. ISHAM SUGGESTED THAT THE OTHER SIDE DISPLAY OBJECTIVITY
AND CONSTRUCTIVENESS IN DISCUSSION OF THEM.
5. AT VY'S INITIATIVE IT WAS AGREED TO RECONVENE
DECEMBER 21.
GDS.
PORTER

BT

DECLASSIFIED
Authority E012958